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44 Year IDOC Employee Receives High Honor from Governor Pence

Indianapolis, IN (August 27, 2013) – The Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest honor which can be bestowed by Governor Michael R. Pence, was awarded to Phil Slavens for his distinguished service to the State of Indiana. On Tuesday August 27, 2013, Governor Pence recognized Mr. Slavens for his service to both the state and community during a ceremony in the Governor's office.



Governor Michael R. Pence presents Phil Slavens with the Sagamore of the Wabash Award as his wife, Billi Slavens looks on.

Professionally, Mr. Slavens worked for the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) for 44 years. During that time, he has held numerous positions including but not limited to Correctional Officer, Correctional Counselor, Sergeant, and Assistant Superintendent. During his tenure with the Department, Mr. Slavens has received many letters of commendation and awards. On August 15, 2013 staff from around the Department gathered for a retirement party where he was presented an award for his years of service and a state flag accompanied by a certificate for meritorious service by Commissioner Bruce Lemmon.

"It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with Phil Slavens during my career. The Department and the State of Indiana have benefited greatly from his leadership and dedication. He will be deeply missed," stated IDOC Commissioner Lemmon.

Throughout his life, Phil Slavens has continued to dedicate his life to his community. An avid sports enthusiast, Mr. Slavens served many roles within the Brownsburg Community such as a Varsity High School Coach for Brownsburg High School, President of the Brownsburg Junior Soccer League, President of Brownsburg Little League Baseball, and Chair of the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports. A devoted member of the Kingsway Christian Church, Mr. Slavens continues to hold an active part with weekly services.



(L to R) Commissioner Bruce Lemmon, Billi Slavens (wife), Phil Slavens, and Governor Michael R. Pence

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